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SHUKLA COMMISSION REPORT ON NE REGION
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has reviewed the implementation of the Shukla Commission report on economic development of North East Region;

(b) If so, the details thereof; sector-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, and

(d) the action taken for implementation of the recommendations ?

Answer

Minister, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region(Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar)

(a) to (d) Following up on the Shukla Commission's recommendations dated 7 March 1997, Government created a Central Resources Pool called the 'Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR)'. The unspent balances out of the mandatory minimum provision of 10% of the Gross Budgetary Support made by various Central Ministries/Departments for the North Eastern Region (NER) are credited to NLCPR. The Ministry of Finance provide a Budgetary Provision to the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDONER) through this Pool to create infrastructure, including that for Basic Minimum Services, in the region. As on 30 September 2007, 859 projects in various sectors have been sanctioned. Their sector-wise allocation, in terms of cost, is as follows:-

Sector	No. of Projects	Cost (RS. In Crore)
Agriculture & Allied	05	23.60
Power	170	1324.81
Roads & Bridges	266	1838.26
Irrigation & Flood Control	151	397.20
Education	089	814.27
Water Supply	069	704.61
Health	037	465.54
Miscellaneous	072	522.82
Grand Total	859	6091.11

It was subsequently decided in April, 2005 that a Vision 2020 document be prepared which would, inter- alia, take into account the sector-wise findings of the decade old Shukla Commission and update them as also add new dimensions in the light of contemporary developments. The next plenary session of the North East Council, due to be held on 17-18 December 2007, will be considering the draft Vision 2020 document.